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SUBJ: DEMONSTRATION AT EMBASSY--STUDENTS ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY

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SUMMARY REACTING TO GOP CONTROLLED PRESS TREATMENT OF AUGUST 14 DEMONSTRATION AT THE EMBASSY (REFTEL), A STUDENT SPOKESMAN HAS RATHER PRIDEFULLY RESERVED TOTAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE STUDENTS THEMSELVES. END SUMMARY

1. IN AN AUGUST 20 STATEMENT OVER A LOCAL RADIO STATION (RADIO IMPACTO), THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PANAMA (UP) LAW STUDENT CENTER, ROBERTO BROCE, HAS RESPONDED TO MEDIA COMMENTS THAT "OUTSIDE ELEMENTS" HAD PARTICIPATED IN AUGUST 14 STUDENT DEMONSTRATION AT EMBASSY BY ASSERTING THAT ONLY THE STUDENTS THEMSELVES WERE RESPONSIBLE. ACCORDING TO BROCE (A LEADER OF THE COALITION OF NATIONALISTIC, LEFTIST BUT ANTI-PDP GROUPS--INCLUDING THE FRENTE ESTUDANTIL REVOLUCIONARIO (FER)--IN CONTROL OF THE UP LAW SCHOOL STUDENT ORGANIZATION) "THIS DEMONSTRATION WAS LED AND CARRIED OUT BY STUDENTS OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE AND IT WAS NATIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INSTITUTE STUDENTS WHO--WITHOUT ANY NEED FOR OUTSIDERS

TO PLACE ROCKS IN THEIR HANDS--HURLED STONES AT THE
EMBASSY AS PART OF THE STRUGGLE OUR PEOPLE ARE WAGING

AGAINST THE IMPERIALIST HAUGHTINESS OF TRANSNATIONAL
COMPANIES AND THE US GOVERNMENT, DEMONSTRATED FOR
MANY YEARS BY THE US COLONY THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED
IN THE CANAL ZONE AND BY THE UNITED BRANDS COMPANY."

2. BROCE WENT ON TO ASSERT THAT THE "PRO-GOVERNMENT"
PRESS HAD ATTEMPTED TO DISTORT THE FACTS BY CHARGING
THAT "WELL KNOWN ELEMENTS...WHO MINGLE WITH THE UNDERWORLD"
WERE RESPONSIBLE AND THAT THE STONING OF THE EMBASSY
"IS NOT IN TUNE WITH THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT'S
STRATEGY." TO THIS BROCE REPLIED THAT "THIS ACTION
CANNOT BE IN TUNE WITH THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT BECAUSE
WE DO NOT FOLLOW THE STRATEGY OF ANY GOVERNMENT PANAMA
HAS HAD SO FAR. OUR ACTIONS AND STANDS ARE DRAFTED BY
OURSELVES THROUGH DISCUSSIONS WIT THE MASSES. IT WAS
THE MASSES WHO, DURING THE DEMONSTRATION, HURLED STONES
AT THE EMBASSY."

3. COMMENT: BROCE'S REMARKS (FOR FULL TEXT SEE
FBIS ITEM 210055Z AUG 74) HAVE NOT YET BEEN REPORTED
IN THE PRESS AND, GIVEN THEIR NATURE, MAY WELL NOT
APPEAR. RADIO IMPACTO HAS REGULARLY BORADCAST NEWS
AND COMMENTARY CRITICAL OF GOP. SIGNIFICANTLY, BROCE'S
COMMENTS, WHILE REJECTING THE GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED
MEDIA'S EXPLANATION FOR THE DISTURBANCE, ALSO INDICATE THE
GOP WAS NOT BEHIND IT. HIS STATEMENT OF NON-SUPPORT FOR
GOP STRATEGY COINCIDES WITH REPORTS WE RECEIVED THAT TWO
FER LEADERS, DURING DISCUSSIONS PRIOR TO DEMONSTRATORS'
DEPARTURE FROM INSTITUTO NACIONAL AUGUST 14, MADE SPEECHES
HIGHLY CRITICAL OF TORRIJOS.
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